



Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2010

Members Present:

*Barbara Daniello
Larry Belikoff
Michelle Garay
Ken Skillender
Wilma Hutton
Jay Arancio*

Others Present:

*Carol Hoffmann
Dave Scarinci*

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Barbara.

Administrative:

- Brian Zucker and Elana Zucker resigned so nominations for the chair and secretary were called.
- Motion to nominate Barbara Daniello to the chair by Larry and seconded by Ken. Unanimous approval.
- Motion to nominate Larry Belikoff as secretary by Barbara and seconded by Ken. Unanimous approval.
- Motion to accept January and February 2010 meeting minutes by Michelle, seconded by Ken. - passed.
- With the resignation of Barbara Patterson, Brian Zucker and Elana Zucker, three open positions are now available on the Environmental Commission. We were informed by Mayor Harry Fuerstenberger from the last EC meeting that he will submit his own names, and Barbara will send Harry an email with candidate submissions for the Environmental commission positions before the next township meeting when Harry plans on making the appointments. Dave Scarinci and Carol Hoffmann expressed interest in joining the commission.

Correspondence:

While reviewing membership renewal correspondence we were reminded that Mayor Harry Fuerstenberger informed us at an earlier meeting that we will not be joining ANJEC as individuals. Barbara will inquire as to procedure for this change.

Planning Board Report:

- Judy asked what a conservation easement is. No record of conservation easements in township. Michelle said that the EC would be willing to keep documentation on easements.
- The next Planning Board meeting scheduled for April 22nd will host David Banisch (township planner) to give a presentation on Highlands RMP Conformance Overview / Draft COAH Fair

Share Plan Review. Straw poll taken showed only Judy Tucker and Michelle Garay as leaning towards opting in to the Highlands Act for our township.

Old Business:

- Community Day - Planned for June 5th at 4 PM. We expect to have 'Snakes and Scales', Rutgers (Jay will contact), DRBC (Barbara will contact), and Jay will plan on bringing his solar oven. Linda Kuhn will not be able to handle the craft table this year so we are looking for someone to replace her. Carol Hoffmann offered to contact BPU and Hunterdon Land Trust to see if they would like to do a presentation. Dave Scarinci offered to bring his 'worm bin'.
- The joint School project for the 8th grade students of LDW and AMS to test for arsenic in residents well water was a big success. 250 bottles were returned. Steven Spayd told us this was the biggest return from any township in our area. Ken will ask the 8th grade class to put together a well water report.
- April 17th is Well Water testing day. Larry and Barbara will sit outside the barn at Alexandria Park and give out bottles and collect checks. We will inform SBWA that we should expect 100 participants this year (up from 75 last year).
- Wilma will send email that contains updated 'dump day' list.

New Business:

- Wilma will make an inquiry to Harry Swift as to possibility of township mowing the 85x10 wildflower patch. If they cannot then we know someone that will mow it for \$35.00.
- Motion to renew memberships with SBWA, HLTA, ANJEC if funding available. Motion by Jay and seconded by Wilma. - passed.
- Michelle Gill from the Historical Preservation Commission will come to the April meeting to discuss possible joint projects.
- Started discussion on what our participation in Clean Community day should be. Discussed whether we should get involved with adopt a road program. No decisions were made.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 PM, Motion by Jay, seconded by Wilma.

Amended 04/25/2010 per corrections offered by Wilma and Barbara. Motion to approve 04/27/2010 by Michelle, seconded Wilma - passed.